

MAYOR RICHARDSON'S REVIEWS WORK OF YEAR

In Annual Message to City Council Chief Executive Shows City's Financial and Commercial Standing—Consolidation With Manchester Highly Indorsed.

To the Honorable Council of the City of Richmond: Gentlemen—I have the honor to transmit herewith the annual report of the heads of departments of the city government, and respectfully submit the following general statement of the situation and condition of the city in the past year, and to give my recommendations, in my judgment, will be for the best interests of the city.

It has been my constant endeavor to exercise a watchful supervision over the conduct of all the officers and employees of the city during the past year, and it gives me pleasure to say that they have been generally faithful and efficient in the discharge of their duties. There have been a few exceptions, however, which have been brought to my attention. Mistakes have been made and there has been some extravagance and waste, which will be guarded against in the future as far as possible, but no fraud or corruption on their part has been brought to my attention. The several departments have been working in harmony and co-operating to advance the interest of the city.

Prosperous Year. The year 1909 was in many respects the most prosperous year in the history of the city. By the favor of a benign Providence we have been spared from the calamities of pestilence, fire, famine and flood, and although some of our most useful and public-spirited citizens have passed away, the general conditions as to health have much improved.

Our population has increased; magnificent public and commercial buildings have been erected and enlarged; the High School Building has been dedicated; public works have been completed; clear water has been sprung; hundreds of residences have sprung up in all parts of the city; new streets and sections have been opened and improved; and taxable values have increased several million of dollars. Our manufacturing and business enterprises have been active operations, and artisans and laborers have found profitable employment. No disastrous calamities have befallen the city, and all classes of our citizens have co-operated to promote the general welfare.

The numerous committees which have assembled in our city have brought Richmond prominently into notice; and business, educational, sanitary, charitable and philanthropic enterprises have been stimulated and inaugurated.

Growth of City. The growth and progress of our city along commercial and industrial lines may be best illustrated by the following figures taken from the most recent official report of F. D. Williams, president of the Chamber of Commerce, which it is thought proper to insert:

	1909.	1908.
Capital in business.....	\$1,310,907	\$2,847,583
No. of hands employed.....	25,283	25,881
Annual sales.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Capital in manufacturing.....	\$1,218,250	\$4,485,400
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Bank clearings.....	\$381,500,141	\$381,500,141
Bank deposits.....	\$2,434,900	\$2,434,900
Bank loans.....	\$3,436,934	\$2,726,921
Bank capital and surplus.....	\$1,811,850	\$307,727
Real estate.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Building operations.....	\$2,541,512	\$65,851
Total.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Interest and dividends.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
And cash on hand Jan. 1.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
March 31, 1910.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

This shows the total sum expended during the year.....\$2,053,117 25

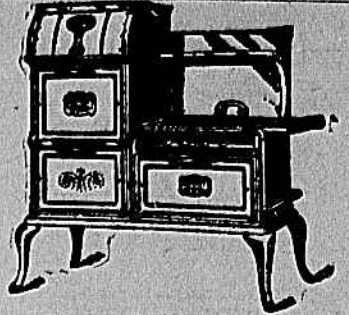
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How the Money Goes:		
Interest and dividends.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Acquisition and improvement of property.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Streets, sewers, etc.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Maintenance of streets.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Maintenance of Gas Department.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Maintenance of Water Department.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Maintenance of Police Department.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Maintenance of Fire Department.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Maintenance of Street Cleaning, etc.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Maintenance of Grounds and Buildings.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Maintenance of Water Department.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Charitable Institutions.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Salaries and pay of Judges.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Electric Light.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Maintenance of Health Department.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Assessment and collection of taxes.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Courts and Juries.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Military.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
All other purposes.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total.....	\$2,053,117 25	\$2,053,117 25

It will be noted from the above statement that the total amount disbursed the sum of \$2,053,117 25 has been expended in the acquisition of property and in the improvement of streets, etc.

	1909.	1908.
Taxes and Licenses.....	\$1,177,337 73	\$1,706,968 43
Gas Department.....	\$56,627 17	\$57,941 61
Water Department.....	\$20,411 28	\$20,458 11
Manchester.....	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Markets.....	\$1,175 20	\$1,901 52
Cemeteries.....	\$8,639 16	\$8,412 06
Interest.....	\$3,861 39	\$4,111 29
Rebuts.....	\$2,308 45	\$90 99
Other sources.....	\$2,428 78	\$2,528 58
Total.....	\$2,538,821 21	\$2,456,000 00

The increase in the interest-bearing debt of the city is due to the fact that during the past year 4 per cent. bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000 were issued in order to complete school buildings and to provide a fund for a general system of sewerage. This measure was deemed absolutely necessary, particularly in view of the fact that experience has demonstrated the fact that nothing is more conducive to health than perfect sewerage with an ample water supply. The construction of sewers also pro-

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been no fire from defective wiring, and that the danger from electric light has been reduced to the minimum by the enforcement of precautionary regulations.

It is believed that the old and vexatious problem of clear water has at last been solved by the completion of the flume and the installation of a new pump as a source of supply. This work was completed on December 22, 1909. The conduit was thoroughly secured, and clear water from the river which is stored in the Settling Basin was pumped into the reservoir. No alum or other substance for coagulation was used in December, 1909. Since that time alum in solution has been used for clarification, but in such small quantity as to be unobjectionable. It is now clear, and chemists pronounce it to be as pure as any water obtained from a surface supply.

The Superintendent reports the work in good condition. The four pumps to be operated by electric power have been placed in position, and one of them driven by surplus electric power generated in the steam plant has been running since December 22, 1909. These pumps have a pumping capacity of 16,000 gallons a day, and on the completion of the electric plant will be operated by electricity and will be able to pump emergency should the water-driven pumps be prevented from working.

In August, 1909, the Old Pump Works, which had been in operation for about twenty-five years, was turned over to the Committee on Electricity for conversion into the municipal electric plant. Under the able supervision of E. W. Trafford, engineer in charge of the project, the work is proceeding rapidly, and will be completed during the year. With this electric plant, generating power for pumping and for other purposes, and supplying the current to light the streets and public buildings, it is believed that the power and light problem will meet every requirement for many years, and that the streets will be better lighted at less cost to the city.

Work in the department of the City Engineer continues to increase with the growth of the city. The opening of new streets and the laying of new sewers, and the responsibility of the City Engineer and his assistants. The work done is set forth in detail in the reports of the department. There are no more intelligent, laborious and faithful employees of the city than those in the department. There are many streets and alleys yet to be graded and improved, but work has been done during the year in the grading of streets and in the erection of buildings and the enhancement of values. The bad condition of the streets and the responsibility of the City Engineer and his assistants. The work done is set forth in detail in the reports of the department.

Building Inspection. The Building Inspector reports that the past year breaks the record in the number of permits granted. The aggregate value of the work authorized has been before stated, but here it is given more in detail. There were granted 1,000 permits for brick and 266 frame dwellings, 88 stores, 2 warehouses, 8 manufacturing, 2 churches, 20 retail stores, 10 hotels, 10 freight buildings, 100 lodges, 3 freight depots, 2 apartment houses, 1 hospital and 1 hotel. In addition to these, 188 alterations and repairs. The estimated total value of all the work authorized is \$3,743,181. In addition to this, the City Engineer has authorized the construction of one engine house and one incinerator. The new High School Building, the addition to the Howitzer Battery and the United States government building have been completed, and the Y. M. C. A. building and the United States government building are rapidly approaching completion. This record shows the largest amount in building operations during any year in the history of the city.

The Building Inspector and his assistants have made 52 inspections of various premises, and a great number of violations have been removed and nineteen repaired by the owners. The almshouse and the Y. M. C. A. building have been repaired by the city. The almshouse has been removed, and the Y. M. C. A. building has been repaired by the city. The almshouse has been removed, and the Y. M. C. A. building has been repaired by the city. The almshouse has been removed, and the Y. M. C. A. building has been repaired by the city.

Public Charities. The report of the Superintendent of Public Charities carries with it a story of pathetic heart-rending scenes. During the year there were 1,466 homeless and friendless persons, 714 white and 752 colored, who were taken care of in the city. It is gratifying to know that these unfortunate were well cared for by the representatives of the city. The almshouse was a place of refuge for the homeless and friendless, and the Y. M. C. A. building was a place of refuge for the homeless and friendless. The almshouse was a place of refuge for the homeless and friendless, and the Y. M. C. A. building was a place of refuge for the homeless and friendless.

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Fire Department. The Board of Fire Commissioners reports that the department is in an excellent condition. The fire losses during the year 1909, as indicated by the statistics covered by insurance, were \$1,375,735, and the fire department's expenses were \$200,000. A new engine-house has been built on Twenty-fifth Street, and the fire department has been reorganized. A hook and ladder truck company, with a captain and five men, has been organized. The engine-house is at the corner of Twenty-fifth and B Streets, and a new quick-ladder-raising device has been installed. The fire department's equipment has been improved, and the fire department's personnel has been increased.

The Chief of Police reports that there were 301 more arrests and 1,000 more violations of ordinances during the year 1909. The total arrests made were 8,400; ordinance violations reported, 5,100. The Chief of Police reports that the department is in an excellent condition. The fire losses during the year 1909, as indicated by the statistics covered by insurance, were \$1,375,735, and the fire department's expenses were \$200,000. A new engine-house has been built on Twenty-fifth Street, and the fire department has been reorganized. A hook and ladder truck company, with a captain and five men, has been organized. The engine-house is at the corner of Twenty-fifth and B Streets, and a new quick-ladder-raising device has been installed. The fire department's equipment has been improved, and the fire department's personnel has been increased.

But the number of arrests and reports for violations of ordinances will continue to increase as long as the city grows. The men and magistrates are conservators of the peace, and their first duty is to prevent the commission of crimes. The city is a large and growing city, and the number of arrests and reports for violations of ordinances will continue to increase as long as the city grows.

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Public Schools. The report of the City School Board is for the school year 1908-9, ending in June last. The total enrollment was 12,000, an increase of 1,000 over the year 1907-8. The average daily attendance was 12,000, an increase of 1,000 over the year 1907-8. The average pay of teachers was \$2,500, an increase of \$500 over the year 1907-8. The average pay of janitors was \$1,000, an increase of \$200 over the year 1907-8. The average pay of janitors was \$1,000, an increase of \$200 over the year 1907-8.

The City School Board is a body of five members, elected by the city. The board is responsible for the management of the city schools. The board is composed of the following members: The Mayor, the City Engineer, the City Auditor, the City Clerk, and the City School Board. The board is responsible for the management of the city schools. The board is composed of the following members: The Mayor, the City Engineer, the City Auditor, the City Clerk, and the City School Board.

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Obstructions to Streets. A decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, rendered several years ago, in which it was held, in effect, that a justice of the peace has no jurisdiction over the occupancy of land when the defendant asserts a bona fide claim of title, has caused much trouble and delay in enabling the city to have obstructions removed from the streets. The question for review in the Supreme Court, but the old decision was adhered to. In such cases it is essential that the city should have the right to remove obstructions from the streets. The question for review in the Supreme Court, but the old decision was adhered to. In such cases it is essential that the city should have the right to remove obstructions from the streets.

The City Attorney again asks for an increase of the salary of his stenographer. Such increase is merited, and the Council should make the salary commensurate with the duties of the position. There was a decrease of \$1,000.32 in receipts from markets, but this is accounted for by the partial demolition of the second market building, and the city should have a new market building. There was a slight increase of receipts from the city's property, but the receipts will not meet the expenses after all the sections shall have been sold. The Department of James River.

representative from this district, and it is believed that the amount will be increased, or that there will be a yearly appropriation until the work shall have been completed.

Need New Wharves. The Council should at once make an appropriation for building wharves and a pier on the river front owned by the city. The value of water transportation in competition with the railroads is rapidly increasing, and the city should have wharves and a pier on the river front owned by the city. The value of water transportation in competition with the railroads is rapidly increasing, and the city should have wharves and a pier on the river front owned by the city.

For many years the long-suffering people of Fulton have been patiently waited for protection to their property from flood, and for a means of communication with the rest of the city in times of flood. They have seen business places along Lester Street deserted, houses fall in places, and property destroyed, and they have waited for protection to their property from flood, and for a means of communication with the rest of the city in times of flood. They have seen business places along Lester Street deserted, houses fall in places, and property destroyed, and they have waited for protection to their property from flood, and for a means of communication with the rest of the city in times of flood.

Work of the Directors of the Branch Baths. The directors of the Branch Baths report that the year 1909 was a very large number of persons availed themselves of the baths, and the directors of the Branch Baths report that the year 1909 was a very large number of persons availed themselves of the baths, and the directors of the Branch Baths report that the year 1909 was a very large number of persons availed themselves of the baths.

Joseph Bryan Park. During the past year Mrs. Belle S. Bryan, on behalf of herself and of her sister, Mrs. Mary S. Bryan, Robert Coates Bryan, Jonathan Bryan, J. St. George Bryan and Thomas P. Bryan, gave and conveyed to the city of Richmond, Virginia, a tract of land in Henrico county called "Rosewood," about two and one-half miles from the city, containing 252 1/2 acres. This gift was as graceful as it was generous, no conditions being imposed except that the land shall be forever used as a park for all the people. This park has been appropriately named by the city the Joseph Bryan Park.

The park is on the western line of the Boulevard, extended, about midway between William Byrd Park and Lake Park, and is a welcomed addition to the city. The park is a large tract of land, and it is a welcomed addition to the city. The park is a large tract of land, and it is a welcomed addition to the city. The park is a large tract of land, and it is a welcomed addition to the city.

Consolidation of Cities. The consolidation of the cities of Manchester and Richmond is a subject which has engaged the attention of the Finance Committee. With the people of both cities for several months, and is still under consideration. The delay in reaching an agreement is due to the fact that the cities are large and growing cities, and the number of arrests and reports for violations of ordinances will continue to increase as long as the city grows.

Advantages to Richmond. The advantages to Richmond will be the acquisition of a territory well suited for residential, commercial and manufacturing purposes, and the addition of a large number of new citizens, with all the prestige and advantages such an increase will bring.

The people of Manchester will become citizens of the capital city of the Commonwealth—a city in whose history glory and grandeur have been achieved. They will have equal representation in the City Council, increased facilities for intercommunication, and the addition of a large number of new citizens, with all the prestige and advantages such an increase will bring.

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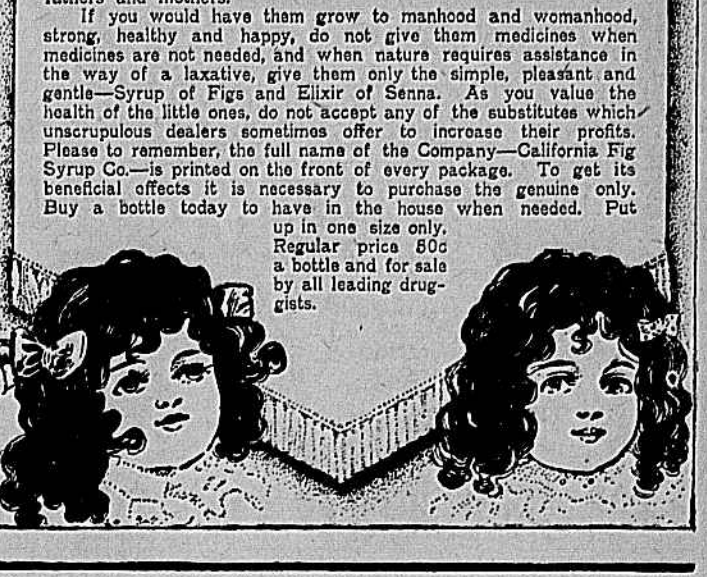
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THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they derive and the efforts which they make, comes the greatest part of that healthful development which is essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed, the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by the fathers and mothers.

If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines when medicines are not needed, and when nature requires assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna. As you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—California Fig Syrup Co.—is printed on the front of every package. To get its beneficial effects it is necessary to purchase the genuine only. Buy a bottle today to have in the house when needed. Put one size only.

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Mr. Lynch said the committee should look into the cost of filter beds, but the item was allowed to stand. At the conclusion of the preliminary discussion, the only amendment which got through, a technical correction which did not change the amount for the pay roll of the new incinerator, being offered by Chairman Pollard, of the Finance Committee. With the amendment the budget was adopted by a vote of 29 to 0.

Having lost his fight for smooth paving from the general fund, Mr. Ratcliffe at once offered a new resolution approving award of contract to the Stirling-Carnegie-Davis Company for supplying the Street Department with vitrified clay sewer pipes, the resolution not conforming to the bid. The error was corrected, and a new resolution, properly drawn, to meet the objection, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Richards, Thirty-fourth Street from Broad Street to Oakwood Avenue, improved out of the bond issue for the annexed territory, was ordered to be paved with vitrified clay sewer pipes, the resolution not conforming to the bid. The error was corrected, and a new resolution, properly drawn, to meet the objection, was adopted.

Millionaire Mine Owner's Death. Denver, Colo., March 7.—Frank J. Campbell, millionaire mine owner of Cripple Creek, died here last night, after a short illness. His wife, Campbell, was a native of Niagara county, N. Y.

Arsenal at V. P. I. Halted. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Christiansburg, Va., March 7.—Reports were heard here several days ago of an alleged raid recently made by a number of students at the V. P. I. on the institute arsenal at Blacksburg, when a quantity of ammunition and powder was taken. The powder was exploded on the college campus and created some excitement and the ammunition was later recovered. The matter is the subject of investigation.

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